



**STATEMENT**  
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## **Lt. Governor and ISDA Director** **congratulate new National FFA CEO**

*Note to the editor: Please include the following statements from [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#), who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, as well as [Ted McKinney](#), Director of the [Indiana State Department of Agriculture \(ISDA\)](#) regarding the [announcement](#) of Mark Poeschl as the new chief executive officer for the National FFA Organization and its foundation.*

**INDIANAPOLIS (May 12, 2016)** – “Congratulations to Mark Poeschl on his selection to serve as the next chief executive officer of National FFA. As the home of FFA’s national headquarters as well as the national convention, Indiana has a special appreciation for the great work of the organization to encourage, train and support the next generation of leadership in the agriculture industry. His industry experience and leadership as an FFA member and former state FFA president means Mark is uniquely qualified to lead this important organization.

“I also join all Hoosiers in thanking Dr. Dwight Armstrong for his many contributions to the agriculture industry, and his personal commitment to the mission of FFA. He is a friend to all Hoosier farmers, and we wish him well in his retirement,” **said Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb.**

“I would like to congratulate Mark on being selected as the new chief executive officer for National FFA – a tremendous honor. This organization plays a critical role in the future of agriculture by developing and investing in the lives of tomorrow’s leaders, and I’m confident that under Mark’s direction FFA will continue to grow and thrive.

“We are fortunate in Indiana to have such a strong partnership with National FFA, which has experienced immense growth over the years. As co-chair of the National FFA Convention Host Committee, I look forward to working with Mark to support this organization, especially with the National FFA convention returning to Indianapolis this year,” **said Director Ted McKinney.**

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